

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 and 28 have been canceled herein without prejudice. By this Amendment, Claim 22 has been amended, and new Claims 29-39 have been added. Thus, amended Claims 22-27 and new Claims 29-39 are now under examination in this application. Also, attached herewith as a separate sheet is the Abstract as new page 13.

In U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/623,949, which is the parent application of this divisional application, a restriction requirement was made by the examiner thereby withdrawing from consideration non-elected Claims 19-27. By canceling herein Claims 1-21 and 28, Applicants are now prosecuting Claims 22-27 and 29-39.

It is believed that the application as now presented, containing amended Claims 22-27 and new Claims 29-39, are in condition for immediate allowance. In view of the foregoing, an early and favorable action on the merits of amended Claims 22-27 and new Claims 29-39 presented herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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